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**PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**THREE KC MEN, ONE INDEPENDENCE MAN**  
**SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that four metropolitan area residents were sentenced in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms. The sentencings, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Jonathan M. Arther**, 29, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to eight years in federal prison without parole.

On May 26, 2005, **Arther** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Arther** admitted that he was in possession of an IMI 9 mm handgun on July 26, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Arther** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance, a 1996 criminal felony conviction for domestic assault and two 1995 criminal felony convictions for sale of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

**Arther** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Hunt. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jerry L. Jones**, 27, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 3, 2004, **Jones** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Jones** admitted that he was in possession of a Hi-Point .38-caliber semi-automatic handgun on Aug. 22, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and a 1999 criminal felony conviction for trafficking drugs.

**Jones** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Antonio L. Woodson**, 23, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to one year and six months in federal prison without parole.

On May 17, 2005, **Woodson** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Woodson** admitted that he was in possession of a Star .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Aug. 26, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Woodson** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for trafficking.

**Woodson** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 1, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Chad M. Fullbright**, 29, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to four months in federal prison without parole.

On June 21, 2005, **Fullbright** pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a sawed-off shotgun. By pleading guilty, **Fullbright** admitted that he was in possession of a sawed-off New England Firearms 12-gauge shotgun on May 28, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone to possess such a firearm not registered to them in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

**Fullbright** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 13, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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